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AGRICULTURAL CROPS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of major Agricultural crops in Kerala is less than the other States in the country;

(b) if so, the factors responsible for this low productivity; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production in Kerala?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI SBPBK SATYANARAYANA RAO)
(a): The production and productivity of major Agricultural crops in Kerala & other majorstates is given in the Annexure. While the production/productivity of certain Agricultural crops in Kerala is lower than those of some states, it is higher than those of some other states.

(b)&(c): The productivity of crops depend on various factors such as agro-climatic conditions, farm size, timely use of high quality inputs, development and adoption of package of improved practices besides level of investment. Accordingly, it is not possible to reach the same level of productivity for agricultural crops in all states. The Governmentis implementing various crop specific schemes/programmes to increase the production and productivity in the state of Kerala like Integrated Cereals Development Programme in Rice Based Cropping System, National Pulses Development Project and Scheme onSustainable Development of Sugarcane Based Cropping Systems.